

Helen Phillips

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Please distribute. Thank you.

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Hello Rep. Gara:

At your meeting on Monday, Jan. 21, there was a request to provide you with language that could be included in constituent newsletters about AHFC's Home Energy Rebate and Weatherization programs. Please feel free to use the following as is, amend or let me know if you need additional information.

Home Energy Rebate and Weatherization programs pay big dividends for Alaskans but which one is right for you?

Did you know that since 2008, the Alaska legislature and Governor Parnell have supported funding of Alaska Housing Finance Corporation's (AHFC) popular energy efficiency programs to the tune of more than \$500 million? A recent study from UAA's Institute for Social & Economic Research says funding for the Home Energy Rebate Program has had a huge impact on the state, generating 12 jobs for every \$1 million the legislature has put into the program and an additional 11 permanent jobs created by the savings homeowners are achieving and reinvesting in our economy. The Weatherization program has generated equally impressive results.

If you haven't participated, you may want to consider it. Another \$50 million is included in Governor Parnell's budget this year, and more than 10 percent of all homes in the state have benefited from energy retrofits with each homeowner saving on average 33 percent in fuel consumption or \$1,297 in annual savings.

Home Energy Rebate is designed for homeowners who are looking to make improvements on their houses. Rebates up to \$10,000 are available for qualified expenses that could include garage doors, insulation, new boilers, windows, doors and more. The first step is to sign up for the program, then get an energy rater to identify savings opportunities. You will have 18 months to perform work, submit paperwork and get a rebate. You should be aware that the IRS will consider the rebate as income so it will be a taxable event. AHFC has announced a program change that allows homeowners who moved can now participate in a second home as long as they live there and the home did not receive improvements under the previous owners. A waitlist remains in place but a rater could be assigned to your home in as few as two months. To sign-up, visit www.akrebate.com or call 1-877-AK-REBATE (1-877-257-3228)

AHFC's Weatherization program is designed for renters or homeowners, who make up to 100 percent of median income. In Anchorage, families of four who make \$85,200 or less are eligible to benefit from home energy efficiency measures. Preference is given to the elderly, families with young children and those who have disabilities. To complete the work on your home, AHFC has contracted with service providers statewide (To view the complete list and sign-up, visit this link: <http://www.ahfc.us/efficiency/energy-programs/weatherization/weatherization-service-providers/>).

AHFC's website is full of information about the programs and they offer classes if you want to "do it yourself". Visit them at www.ahfc.us or follow them on Facebook.

Respectfully,

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